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**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: January 16, 2003

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **December 17, 2002**.

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2002, Applicants hereby provisionally elect, without traverse, the subject matter of Group (I), covered by claims 1-9, for prosecution in this application. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC §120 and 35 USC §121 prior to issuance of any patent granted on the elected subject matter.

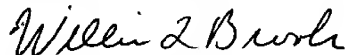
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